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# Letter from the president

The Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Awards Program is a longstanding tradition and one that I look forward to each year.

This year, we received 489 outstanding nominations representing 104 schools across the region. From all of our nominees,

we selected 100 students to receive the Outstanding Young Citizen Award.



In addition, 10 students will be selected to receive the Outstanding Young Citizen gold medal, signifying that they are among the very best of the best.

later this evening.

Finally, we will present \$5,000 scholarships to two students in recognition of their commitment to volunteerism and community service.

Our gold medal winners and scholarship recipients will be announced in the Tribune-Review (Valley News Dispatch and Westmoreland Editions) on Thursday, April 18.

These students not only excel in the classroom, they spend countless hours participating in extracurricular activities and serving their communities.

Their dedication and commitment to excellence

is remarkable. They are leaders in not only their schools but their communities, as well.

We are honored to have the opportunity to give them the recognition they deserve.

As we honor these young adults, we must take a moment to recognize and thank the many parents, teachers, coaches, advisors and mentors who have supported and encouraged them along the way. You have helped these students grow into the Outstanding Young Citizens they are.

I must also take this opportunity to extend our sincerest thanks to our generous sponsors Seton Hill University and Penn State University — New Kensington. We truly value your partnership; please know how much your support is appreciated.

Finally, thanks must also be extended to you, the reader. Without you, none of this would be possible.

I ask that if you know any of the students highlighted in this section that you please take a moment to congratulate them for setting such an outstanding example.

I would like to personally congratulate the 2019 Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen nominees and awardees.

I have the utmost confidence that you will go on to do amazing things.

Jennifer Bertetto President & C.E.O. Trib Total Media

### MEET THE JUDGES

As past president of her local Rotary Club, **Kary Milan** was the youngest individual and only the fourth female to hold this position in the club's near 100-year history. As Kary has advanced at the Rotary International district and zone levels, central to her success in this organization, and life, has been her whole-hearted belief in



the organization's commitment to service and credo, "Service Above Self." Kary, who has 18 years of experience in higher education, the nonprofit sector, and corporate communication within the Greater Pittsburgh region, serves as the director of development and

alumni relations at Penn State New Kensington, where she works to advance the land grant mission of one university that is geographically dispersed across the Commonwealth and secure strong financial support for scholarships, capital projects and annual operations as well as for economic revitalization in the City of New Kensington. Kary also enjoys serving the campus as an adjunct instructor in public relations and advertising. As an engaged leader in Westmoreland County, Kary is a volunteer with the Westmoreland Cultural Trust and is actively engaged with each of the organization's fundraising events. Kary continues to serve as a member of the Rotary Club of Greensburg, where she leads numerous service projects, is the past public relations and marketing chair for Rotary District 7330, and volunteers as a facilitator and instructor with the Rotary Leadership Institute. A volunteer with the Westmoreland County Food Bank, Kary, with husband Josh, lends a helping hand every month at the food pantry hosted at Our Lady of Grace parish. Kary earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and information arts from Seton Hill University and her Master of Arts degree in communication studies from California University of Pennsylvania, where her graduate research was centered on nonverbal communication. In their free time, the Milans, who reside in Greensburg, are adventure travelers.

Molly Robb Shimko serves as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Seton Hill University. In her role, she works to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of Seton Hill, its history, mission, programs and people in order to secure strong financial support for annual operations, capital and endowment growth. Prior to her position at Seton Hill, Molly worked as director of major gifts at Chatham University in Pittsburgh and as development



officer for the Annual Fund at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Vincent and received the college's Alumna of Distinction Award. Molly earned an MBA from Seton Hill University. She is involved

with several community organizations and is a recipient of the Westmoreland County Winners' Circle Community Service Award. Molly presently serves on the Mental Health America Southwestern Pennsylvania Board of Directors. She is a past president of the MHA Board and received the agency's Fred Funari Award of Distinction. She also serves as secretary for the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg Board of Trustees. Molly is a member of the Excela Health Patient Family Advisory Council. She is a Past President of the Saint Vincent Alumni Council and remains engaged in committee work. She is a member of several professional organizations, including the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, the Association of Fund Raising Professionals, the College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania and the Public Relations Society of America. She and her husband, Ken Shimko, P.E., reside in Latrobe and are members of Saint Vincent Basilica Parish.

As associate director and director of development, **Karen Struble Myers** oversees multifaceted fundraising and communications plans designed to promote and support the mission



and programs of the Fred Rogers Center. She is responsible for annual giving, major gifts, grant writing, special events, brand and content strategy, external relations, publications, social media and e-communications. In addition, she pro-

vides operational assistance through budgeting, strategic and programmatic planning, and partnerships. A graduate of Penn State University, she holds a B.A. in advertising-public relations, and minors in speech communication and business. Karen received an M.S. in professional leadership, training, and development from Carlow University. She is a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), serving as a frequent lecturer and community advisor on annual fund strategies and branding, and has nearly 20 years of experience in nonprofit development and marketing roles in the performing arts, religion, health care and public policy.

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## **Congratulations to all of our Outstanding Young Citizen nominees!**

Aquinas Academy Katherine O'Connell

**Baldwin** Thomas Ahlin

Ritika Chamlagal Avery Greenaway Macy Hale Cunthia Hayhurst Jared Koenig Joshua Luxemburger Angelina Makhoul Benjamin Marsteller Logan Snuder Rachel Stofanak

Beaver Falls

Cameron Pagley

**Belle Vernon Area**Bobbie Glasser

Sarah Juba Mitchell Pohlot Lindsay Steeber

Bethel Park
Dominique Eckley

Brentwoo

Simon Accamando

Burrell Olivia Rogers Kayla Santucci

Carlynton
Julie Carothers

Central Catholic

Least Day

Jacob Bon
Michael Chirumbolo
Simon Hebert
Luke Krasinski
Conor Lyons
Michael Ragan
Tyler Royster
Richard Shulik
Timothy Smith
Brian Sproule

Central Westmoreland Career & Technology Center

Stephanie Ciarkowski Victoria Fearer Kassandra Miller Brooke Vanischak

**Chartiers Valley** 

Griffin Beattie Alyssa Feeney Sean Ferguson Joseph Figura Riley Pawlosky John Radzanowski Sarah Verduci Elena Vitale

Cheswick Christian Academy Bethany Kosor

Deer Lakes

Andrew Bokulich Benjamin Calderone Kiera Cutright Kelli Galbraith Noah Glaister Isabella Porco Pietro Porco Julie Smallwood Mara Van Thiel Rachel Wangler

Derry Area

Kenzie Burd Juliet Tatone Samuel Tomack

**Elizabeth Forward** 

Korey Dovichin Noah Madden Hayley Palmer Brianna Spirnak Madison Younge

Fox Chapel Area

Justin Breen
Diana Crookston
Grace Han
Theresa Heidenreich
Jessica Klein
Tristan McClelland
Olivia Pistella

Franklin Regional

Sidney Beauregard Michael Klingensmith

Freeport

Sophia Hower Samantha Wise

**Greater Latrobe** 

Carly Augustine Alyssa Dempsey Abigail Flowers Adam Hoffman Jacob King Sarah Maglosky Jace OBarto Joslyn Rodell Joseph Thompson

Greensburg Central Catholic

Bryce Kurpiel

**Greensburg Salem** 

Asher Joy Jeremy Kappel Lucius Nicolai

Hampton

Christopher Chengshi Emily Cummings Lindsay Fortes Kyle Hoehler Jonathan Ibinson Juliana Oliveira Payton Roblaski Reilly Smith

Hempfield Area

Dominic Carrera Sam Giordanelli Benjamin Graham Molly Gribbin Reed Hipps Cristian Koschack Brennen Novotney Deven Phillips Luke Sternick Nora Tapper Christopher Venzin Highlands

Cameron Babinsack Madalyn Heinle Mekenzie Heinle Rhiannon Helgert Anna Holsing Chylaine Jett Jarrod Masarik Alyssa McDaniel Alexia Morrow Megan Morrow Madison Jo Sieminski Matthew Spears

Indiana

Raeleigh Smith

Jeannette

Brittany Carl Stephanie Ciarkowski Isabella Cilli Logan Evans Muhammad Farraj Domenic Giordan Elise Johnson Zoe Manolis Drake Petrillo Richard Pitzer Matthew Pompei Olivia Ponzetti Jamie Shank Alycia Zummo

Keystone Oaks

Zachary Bradley Ryan Domalik

Kiski Area

Brooke Bires Julia Brennan Tiffany Burkett Mia Carrarini Celia Chickerella Samatha Fleming Malcom Holden Kaelee Koffler Sarah Martin Isabella Mercurio Meredith Pepka William Perroz John Petrarca Jewelia Rempuszewski Gabriella Scalise Keagan Schafer Kamdyn Serakowski Samuel Shannon Jean Starr Emilee Wallace Ross Ziemianski

Leechburg Area

Julia Olshansky John Sorisio

Ligonier Valley

John Caldwell Morgan Dunnivan Brook Kovalcik Faith McDowell

Mars

Hannah Primm

McKeesport Area Matthew Diamond McKenna Schork Dylan Vaniel Mt. Pleasant Area

Kristen Collins Luke Hauger Caleb Pfeifer Alexander Pomarico

North Allegheny

Jordana Avigad Jiwoo Cheon Kristen Chomos Skylar Davidson Adelle Fernando Jacob Pan

**North Catholic** 

Brennan Armknecht Caitlin Ewonce Aiden Surman

**North Hills** 

Alyssa Aguglia Olav Carter Grace Cloonan Anne Colville Marissa Karpinski Sean Nolan

Northgate

Claire Ishiyama Owen King

Norwin

William Baglio Kate Donofrio Hanna Ellis Kate Heuer Rachel Langsdorf Ashley Svec Jaylene Warman

**Oakland Catholic** Jayla Ellis

Penn Hills

Blake Miller

Penn-Trafford

Lana Callaghan Christina Castellano Alex Grabowski Kelsey Horton Tyler Horvat Kaylee Tatters

Pine-Richland

Andrew Gallogly Emily Jackson Holt Murray Luke Szafranski Blake Todorowski

**Pittsburgh City Charter** Katie Gerba

Plum Senior

Angelo Giunta Anthony Little Nicole Sciulli Isabella Stoll

**Riverview**Celaine Hornsby

Serra Catholic

Theodore Almeter Colton Boring Emily Capozzolo Madison Carr
Kathryn Crossen
Sebastian Darrah
Anna Edmundson
Mikayla McShane
Jimmy Moon
Emma Nilson
Chloe Noah
Mary (Ally) Pickford
James Premozic
Noah South
Julia Stein
Matthew Ulishney

Seton-La Salle

Madison Eidemueller Emily Farley Sarah Farnan Kyle Killen Michael Kutschke Sean Maxwell Daniel Sentner

**Shady Side Academy** 

Nicholas Lauer

Shaler Area

Dylan Decort Macey Prosser Kaylyn Toomey Nicholas Wigda

**South Allegheny** Adam Hartnett

Cortney Woytovich

Springdale I

Breanne Hurley Jade Vrabel Anna Yaksich

St. Joseph

Julia Ammon Elena Angelo Grant Bendis Abigail Book Nicholas Brackett Spencer Brackett Erika Cook Daniel Fabregas Tyler Fontana Joseph Godinez Shelby Gogal Leah Grady Veronica Guerrini Kimberly Halligan Logan Lindey Madison LoBianco Kaitlyn Luchs Gabriel McKernan **Emily Nichols** Abigail Pierson Camille Piskor Sarah Preston Thomas Preston Mary Kate Schratz Casey Seagriff Julia Singleton Stephanie Skeba Beatrix Stickney Ava Swanson Elias Swierczewski Ashton Thieret Joshua Tominac Frances Troiano Lauren Troiano Luke Zagurskie

Kenny Zhang Benjamin Zock

Thomas Jefferson

Vanessa Legeza Sydney Moran Lydia Shaw Remy Zandier

Valley

Megan Anthony India D'Argan Brandon Fiedor Ayame Hayden Savannah Houck

Vincentian Academy Katie Aiken

Morgan Balkovec

Laura Barie Sam Basso Vincenzo Battaglia Andrew Beck Sydney Calderaro Marissa Canzian Zhuo (Betty) Chen Zachary Cigna Caroline Down Eric Ford Megan Hoelke Ella Horner Rikki Janyapanich Wray Jones Erik Jonsson Hannah Katz Jared Katz Celeste Leak Jacob Lewis Morgan Libell Jacob Lowry James Lutz Lauren Lutz Molly Maloney Grace Mangis Matthew Matisz Catherine Moosman Daniel Morgano Zachary Newman Michael Niggemyer Concetta Panza Christina Patterson Maria Pellegrino Brianna Rios Abbey Ripko Nicholas Roble Dana Schaich Sean Schollaert Olivia Schoppen Will Sheets Matthew Soller Abigail Suwalski Rileigh Very Cassidy Walsh Hollie Walters

West Mifflin Area

Zhenyu (Joel) Yang

Guanyu (Albert) Zhu

Emilee Leister

Gillan Wing

Alana Winkler

Michelle Yakim

**Yough**Mollie Landman
Tara Lyons
Jacob Sever

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#### Abigail Alexander

School, grade: Fox Chapel Area High School, 11 Parent: Suzanne Alexander Plans: Summer 2019 Global Leadership Adventures (GLA) volunteer-



ing in Guatemala; spring 2019 trip to Costa Rica with Fox Chapel Spanish department; run for vice president of Social Activism Club; completion of Fox Chapel Global Scholars Program for graduation; applying to and attending a four-year university with a focus in international studies, advocacy and the Spanish language.

#### Megan Andree

School, grade: Kiski Area High School, 12 Parent: Kristin Andree Plans: I will be attending Franklin & Marshall College to study computer



science as part of the 3-2 Engineering Program and continue my athletic career in softball. After three years at F&M, I hope to finish at Case Western Reserve University and obtain a bachelor's degree as a computer engineer.

#### **Nickolas Bartel**

School, grade: North Hills Senior High School, 12 Parents: Jeff and Tracy Bartel Plans: My plans are to pursue a



double-major of political science and environmental science and to study abroad. Due to the more than 30 college credits that I will be bringing in, it will help me immensely to accomplish my goal of a double major. After college, I want to go either into law school or graduate school. Following one of those paths, I want to work to create environmental policy on the international level for groups such as the U.N. or the U.S. State Department.

#### **Mary Bence**

School, grade: Aquinas Academy, 12 Parents: Ruth and Steven Bence Plans: I plan to go to college, but I am still waiting to



be accepted to five out of eight of the schools to which I applied. I want to continue dancing in college and write for my college's newspaper. I want to explore interdisciplinary opportunities where I combine my love of anatomy, math, writing and French. I hope to find a career where I can include all of my passions, even though they are extremely different.

#### **Charles Blenko**

School, grade: Norwin High School, 12 Parents: Andrew and Patricia Blenko Plans: Following graduation from high school this



spring, I will attend Penn State University's main campus to study civil engineering. I would like to complete my undergraduate studies there and earn a masters in the field as well. Ideally, I see myself working for an engineering consulting firm in the Pittsburgh area. I want to give back to the region that raised me by employing my math skills to build bridges and design the infrastructure of tomorrow.

#### Morgan Boyd

School, grade: Serra Catholic High School, 12 Parent: Chante Boyd

Plans: When I am older, I want to become a researcher. I plan to dedicate

my time to learning about the brain. I aim to go to college and earn a bachelor's degree and, ultimately, a Ph.D. in neuroscience. I hope to use my skills to make important discoveries about the brain that will eventually lead to the understanding and reduction of abnormalities within it.

#### Jordyn Bradley

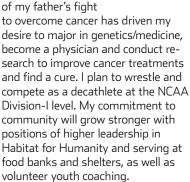
School, grade: Mt Pleasant Area Junior/Senior High School, 12 Parent: Jennifer Bradley Plans: For me, music is the foun-



dation for a better harmony of life. Music, the universal language and bridge to connect different societies and people together, inspires me, motivates me and helps me grow as an individual. Music has taught me patience, perseverance and a positive working attitude. My plans are dedicated to pursuing my passion for music and performance and to use these skills to help others foster expression, gain confidence and manage stress and anxiety.

#### Patrick Brewer

School, grade: Greensburg Central Catholic High School, 11 Parents: Judy and Mike Brewer **Plans:** The impact



#### Noah Calisti

School, grade: Greensburg Salem High School, 11 Parents: Amy and Lee Calisti Plans: I plan to attend college and major in a sta-

tistics field. Also, I hope to continue running cross country and track at the collegiate level. Overall, I want to have a positive impact on the world around me.

#### Brenna Callahan





munity involvement, I hope to get into one of my dream schools. Once in college, I plan to double-major in global studies and journalism, with a minor in law and society. After that, I will go to law school to become a civil rights attorney, so that I can one day help those who cannot speak for themselves. Ultimately, these accomplishments will all contribute to a goal I have had since fourth grade: President of the United States.

#### Marissa Callender

School, grade: Highlands High School, 12 Parents: Selena and

Thomas Callender **Plans:** My plans are to attend a four year college or uni-

versity to major in biochemistry and minor in both Spanish and communications. After I receive these degrees, I plan to attend medical school to become a pediatric oncologist. I also plan to continue my Holiday 365 for my community. Holiday 365 is a program that I started myself where I collect toys, clothes and other items for families during the holiday seasons. I have done this for two years and will continue to do it even when I leave.

#### Katrina Carter

School, grade: Valley High School, 12 Parents: Mallory Resek and George Carter Plans: Fervid to succor those populations forsaken



to advocate for mental healthcare in incarcerated individuals and serve as a psychiatrist in homeless outreach, my practice espousing both the psychotherapeutic and medicinal to proffer holistic treatment and mitigate the field's associated pitfalls. I long to conduct research into the brain's interactions with a given medication class, perhaps someday unfurling a facet of their discriminate efficacy.

#### **Andrew Chung**

School, grade: Greensburg Salem High School, 12 Parents: Sung and Jihye Chung Plans: Combining my interests in STEM and the hu-

manities, I hope to engineer modern solutions that reflect the diversities in today's interconnected world. To do so, I plan on attending a university where I can pursue interdisciplinary studies in engineering and global studies.

#### Hanna Clarke

School, grade: Valley High School, 11 Parent: Kathy Clarke **Plans:** I plan to attend college with a dual major in elementary education and special education.

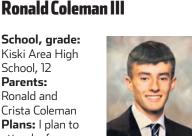


Kiski Area High School, 12 Parents: Ronald and

School, grade:

Crista Coleman Plans: I plan to attend a four-year university, yet to

be determined, to pursue a major in international relations. I would like to study abroad and acquire skills in the field of international business in the hopes of achieving a career with a globally based company in the future.



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#### **Mallory Collins**

School, grade: Norwin High School, 12 Parents: Cynthia and F. Robert Collins Plans: I plan to attend Allegheny



College in the fall, pursuing a degree in biology and a minor in psychology. In addition to my academics, I plan to join the dance ensemble Orchesis as an effort to incorporate my passion of dance to enhance my college experience. After my time at Allegheny, I plan to attend medical school and eventually achieve my goal of becoming a doctor, specializing in trauma.

#### Mia Como

School, grade: Thomas Jefferson High School, 12 Parents: Dawn and Daniel Como Plans: I have been accepted into the pharmacy programs at both Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh. I plan to attend one of these two universities and hope to pursue a doctorate degree for pharmacy. I would like to eventually complete a residency in a hospital and to later specialize in pediatrics.

#### **Cameron Cox**

School, grade:

Derry Area Senior High School, 12 Parents: Mary and **Bradley Cox** Plans: I am planning on majoring in business with a focus on information systems. I do not know where I am going to pursue my bachelor's degree, but some schools of interest include the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Chicago, Saint Vincent and Seton Hill.



School, grade: Pine-Richland High School, 12 Parents: Tony and Christine Crankovic Plans: I plan to attend a four-year

college majoring in business with the intention of applying to law school after graduation. I also hope to continue my competitive rowing career at the collegiate level.

**Grace Crankovic** 

#### Jessica Darkowski

School, grade: Seton-La Salle High School, 12 Parents: Jennifer and Tony Darkowski Plans: I plan on attending Seton Hill University for



the next five years. I have been accepted into the combined bachelor's/ master's physician assistant program. I hope to travel to medically underserved areas to provide medical care to those in need. I plan to continue my service work throughout the rest of my life.

#### Sylvia Dawson

School, grade: Mt Pleasant Area Junior/Senior High School, 12 Parents: Kandida Dawson

and Albert Dawson Jr. **Plans:** After I re-

turn from my 10-month international exchange program to Spain, I plan on attending Saint Vincent College in Latrobe and studying mathematics and actuarial sciences.

#### Christina DeLuca

School, grade: Penn-Trafford High School, 11 Parents: Nancy and Gregory DeLuca **Plans:** After completing high school, I plan on



attending college to major in biomedical engineering. While I am there, I plan on joining a recreational soccer team to keep me active and to engage with my peers.

#### **Aaron Deutsch**

School, grade: Penn-Trafford High School, 12 Parents: Andrew and Kathleen Deutsch Plans: After high school, I plan to study mechanical

engineering in college. As a mechanical engineer I hope to be able to design, build and test new machines and invent technologies so that they can improve the lives of people everywhere.

#### Calista Dosch

School, grade: Armstrong Junior/Senior High School, 12 Parents: Cathy and Donald Slagle Plans: I was ac-

cepted into the honors college at Slippery Rock University, where I plan to become dualcertified in elementary education and special education. I want my students to know that they can change the world before told otherwise. As well as teaching, I plan to continue volun-

#### Aria Eppinger

School, grade: Winchester Thurston, 11 Parents: Francesmary Modugno and

intend to swim in college. Swimming has taught me to work hard, set goals how actions can make a big difference

#### Claire Fenton

School, grade: Fox Chapel Area High School, 11 Parents:

Lisa and Keith Fenton Plans: I intend to attend a fouryear university to

pursue a degree related to math and science in the hopes of a future career path in those fields.

#### **Payton Ferris**

School, grade: The Ellis School, 12 Parent: Sherri Ferris Plans: I plan to attend an institution to obtain my undergraduate degree in both film



and English. I also plan on minoring in women's studies and pursuing a film career in a way that further advances equal opportunities for women to represent their talents and express their knowledge. I also had the incredible opportunity to study the lack of women's education opportunities in Guatemala in 2018, so I wish to return there and also visit other countries to promote the importance of learning for young girls.

#### Julia Fiedor

School, grade: Thomas Jefferson High School, 12 Parents: Lynn and Joseph Fiedor Plans: I was accepted as an early-

decision applicant to the University of Pennsylvania, and I will be attending there this fall, where I will study in the college of arts and sciences. I plan to pursue a STEM internship this summer, and I intend to obtain a research position at Penn. I will continue volunteering in Philadelphia next year through the university's Civic House. This spring, I will organize and lead my third annual Mission From TJ volunteer project for the homeless.

#### **Abigail Frey**

its worship band.

School, grade: Ligonier Valley High School, 12 Parents: James and Jill Frey Plans: I plan to at-

tend Pennsylvania State University to

major in biology. I want to use my degree in biology to further my education to achieve a Ph.D. in neuroscience and perform research on the interworkings of the human brain.

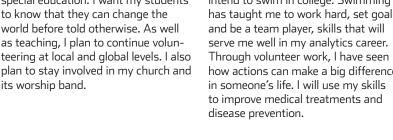
#### **Tyler Funk**

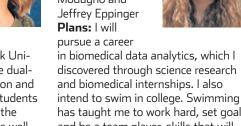
School, grade: Norwin High School, 12 Parents: Grant and Amy Funk Plans: | will be attending

Waynesburg



University in the fall of 2019, and I will be majoring in history and secondary education, with a minor in Spanish and music. I plan on joining many organizations on campus, such as Relay for Life, to stay involved in my community, and I hope to study abroad to further develop international connections.





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#### Kaitlyn Garsteck

School, grade: Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, 12 Parents:

Kristine and Robert Garsteck Plans: I plan to

either attend W&J College or Carlow University to major in biology.

#### Isabella Gayoso

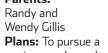
School, grade: Moon Area Senior High School, 12 Parents: Elizabeth and Alfonso Gayoso Plans: I plan to major in mechanical engineering.



Using the skills I gain as an undergraduate student, I would like to work on solving engineering challenges for economically disadvantaged com-

#### **Kelly Gillis**

School, grade: Central Westmoreland Career & Technology Center, 11 Parents: Randy and



post-secondary education doublingmajoring in restaurant/hotel management and hospitality marketing. With these degrees, I hope to create a career to market the importance of "knowing your farmer" and eating farm- to-table.

#### Jesse Greyshock

School, grade: Deer Lakes High School, 12 Parents: Shawn and Laura Greyshock Plans: I plan to attend Grove City College to major in



mechanical engineering and eventually pursue my master's degree. Also, after more than a decade of playing with and against some of the highest youth soccer competition in the nation, I will continue to play soccer in college.

#### Shweta Gudapati

School, grade: North Allegheny Senior High School, 12 Parents: Rajasekhar and Uma Gudapati Plans: I plan on



pursuing degrees in medicine and public health to address issues of healthcare inequities, sanitation and preventative medicine in developing countries around the world. Utilizing my medical knowledge, I strive to treat a wide array of patients and help them lead healthier lifestyles, with the ultimate goal of enhancing health in local and global communities.

#### Joseph Guzzo

School, grade: Valley High School, 12 Parents: Joseph and

Maria Guzzo Plans: I plan on attending a fouryear college to study computer engineering.

#### Rachel Halapchuk

School, grade: Springdale Junior/ Senior High School, 12 Parents: Julie and Joel Halapchuk



allow me to continue with my service

to those in need along the way.

#### Hannah Hebda

School, grade: Elizabeth Forward High School, 11 Parents: Amy and Joe Hebda Plans: I plan on attending the United States

Naval Academy summer seminar, where I plan to attend after graduation, studying quantitative economics and, following graduation, represent and serve my fellow Americans. Alternatively, I wish to attend a fouryear university to major in economics. I would then like to pursue my Jurris Doctor Degree with the hopes of serving my community as a public interest attorney.

#### **Joshua Heidenreich**

School, grade: Montour High School, 12 Parents: Jeffrey and Leda Heidenreich **Plans:** I have been accepted at the University of Pitts-

burgh honors college as a prospective neuroscience major. I have a passion for helping others and empathizing with people. I have learned empathy skills through my time leading Stand Together and Change Agents, organizations that focus on destigmatizing mental health issues and creating social change at our school. I intend to use my experiences with leadership and empathy to eventually practice medicine in the future.

#### Cierra Henderson

School, grade: Derry Area Senior High School, 12 Parents: Michelle and Edward Henderson Plans: I plan to attend a four-year university, majoring



in biology with minors in criminalistics or forensic biosciences, then attend George Washington University in D.C. for a master's degree in forensic science. After I earn my master's, I want to work for the federal government as a forensic technician or analyst. I would love to earn a Ph.D. in biology after many years of working for the federal government.

#### Kerri Herron

School, grade: Baldwin High School, 12 Parents: Robin and Thomas Herron Plans: I plan on

attending West Virginia University in the fall of 2019 to pursue a career in pediatric nursing or medical sales. I enjoy improving the lives of others, especially children, and would like to improve the healthcare industry. I also plan to continue to volunteer throughout my community to help make a positive impact on everyone.

#### Jessica Hervol

School, grade: Hempfield Area High School, 12 Parents: Joanne and Ted Hervol Plans: I plan on attending a four-

year undergraduate university to study biology, chemistry and public health. After graduation, I will attend a graduate school to attain a Ph.D. in virology.

#### **Jaylen Hoffmann**

School, grade: Keystone Oaks High School, 12 Parents: Jodi and Robert Hoffmann Plans: I will be attending John

Carroll University in the fall of 2019. I plan on studying mathematics and pursuing my MBA. I am fortunate enough to have been recruited to be a part of their women's basketball program.

#### Michael Hook

School, grade: Greater Latrobe Senior High School, 12 Parents: James and Lisa Hook Plans: I plan to attend an unde-

cided college to pursue a degree, and eventually a career, in chemical engineering.

#### **Brady Hunker**

School, grade: Mt Pleasant Area Junior/Senior High School, 12 Parents: Chris and

Jen Hunker Plans: I wish to pursue a career

in mechanical engineering. My goal is to attend Grove City College. I also plan to continue to engage in public speaking through church, cancer fundraisers, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh fundraisers and any available events to share my testimony of my continued battle with cancer, to hopefully inspire others who might be experiencing similar struggles.



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#### Emily Jumba

School, grade: Norwin High School, 11 Parents: Lori and John Jumba

**Plans:** My plans for the future are not exactly defined,

however I know generally what I would like to do. Before I graduate from high school, I plan on completing my Girl Scout Gold Award and Global Scholars Projects. I hope to attend college for at least four years. Right now, I am leaning more toward the humanities field rather than S.T.E.M. For college, I am hoping for a challenge in an area that genuinely interests me.

#### **Emma Kallet**

School, grade: Chartiers Valley High School, 11 Parent: Tracee Kallet Plans: I plan to attend a university in Pittsburgh. There, I will major in



psychology or biology with hopes of attending medical school and becoming a cardiologist. My calling is to help people, and I plan on fulfilling that challenge by studying medicine.

#### **Rachel Karman**

School, grade: Hampton High School, 12 Parents: Margaret and Jeffrey Karman Plans: I plan on attending a fouryear university,



majoring in human/health sciences with a minor in global health. In addition to pursuing my undergraduate degree, I would love to continue my volunteerism for a nonprofit organization that aligns with my medical passions. I desire to further my education and become a physician, specializing in pediatric oncology. Post medical school, I envision joining a team like "Doctors Without Borders" to deliver healthcare to impoverished areas.

#### Lauren Karp

School, grade: Serra Catholic High School, 11 Parents: John and Pam Karp Plans: I have been interested



in medicine for several years. Therefore, I plan to attend college and pursue a degree in the field of medicine. I enjoy discovering new things, particularly in the field of science, and am looking forward to investigating colleges/universities that I think will suit me.

#### Hannah Kern

School, grade: Springdale Junior/Senior High School, 12 Parent: Julie Kern Plans: I plan to attend a six-year pharmacy school.



I have taken AP classes and an online pharmacy technician class and met with pharmacists in various career fields. I am interviewing for a pharmacy technician job. I have received acceptance into the University of Pittsburgh Preferred Admission Pharmacy Program and West Virginia University Direct Admission Pharmacy Pathway and Honors College. I am proud of this, as it sets a foundation for a pharmacy career.

#### JeKai King

School, grade: McKeesport Area High School, 12 Parent: Janice Korp Plans: Attend

Allegheny College and receive my bachelor's degree

in geology and political science. While attending there, I'd like to be a part of their volunteer program (Bonner program), giving back to the community while at the same time progressing myself, then attend a graduate school to receive my master's degree in geology.

#### **Faith Kisker**

School, grade: Seton-La Salle High School, 12 Parents: Gwen and Clay Kisker

Plans: I plan to pursue my call to help others and my

passion for science through majoring in biochemistry and minoring in Spanish and political science at a four-year university, while continuing to pursue research and service opportunities. I aspire to obtain my doctorate in medicine and pursue residency and a fellowship in trauma medicine. I hope to work for Doctors Without Borders to help those who are hurting and use my political knowledge to help them outside what medicine can do.

#### Hailey Kopp

School, grade: Gateway High School, 12 Parents: Glenn and Dawn Kopp Plans: I plan to attend a four-year university to pur-

sue a career in nursing. After I receive my BSN, I plan to work in critical care. After gaining two years of experience in critical care, I hope to return to school to earn a nurse anesthetist degree.

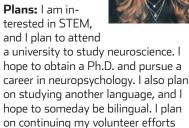
#### Jacob Kozlowski

School, grade: Deer Lakes High School, 11 Parent: Angela Kozlowski Plans: Throughout the remainder of my junior year and

summer vacation, I plan on job-shadowing and interning in congressional offices on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. I will be seeking higher leadership positions in my high school clubs and organizations. Finally, I will attend a four-year university to study political science and government.

### Kavla Kraeuter

School, grade: Serra Catholic High School, 11 Parents: Jim and Joanne Kraeuter Plans: I am interested in STEM, and I plan to attend



and dedicating my time to make a

positive impact on the world.

#### William Kraus

School, grade: North Allegheny Senior High School, 12 Parents: Rebecca Cunningham and



high school, I plan to attend Penn State University Park for mechanical engineering. I plan to audition for the Penn State Blue Band, join engineering-specific organizations, such as the Penn State Racing Club, and continue to give back to my local community through student government and church organizations.

#### Amy Krueger

School, grade: Vincentian Academy, 12 Parents: Patricia and Andrew Krueger Plans: I plan to attend Cornell University for chemical engineering and have committed to continue gymnastics on their Division-I gymnastics team.

#### **Zachary Lakkis**

School, grade: Fox Chapel Area High School, 12 Parents: Lisa and Fadi Lakkis **Plans:** I have always been passionate about sci-

ence. When my close friend was diagnosed with cancer, I was immediately drawn to biomedical research. Over the past few years, I have performed research in tumor immunology to try to find innovative ways to safely kill cancer cells. I presented my work at science fairs and a TEDx Youth event. I plan to pursue a career as a physician scientist and hope to improve patients' lives through scientific discovery and compassionate care.

#### Jack Lopuszynski

School, grade: North Allegheny Senior High School, 12 Parents: Johnette and

Alan Lopuszynski Plans: After an apprenticeship

program with the AIU and UPMC Passavant, there is no doubt in my mind that I want to work in a hospital, specifically in neurosurgery. I plan to research huge concepts and make discoveries that will truly advance our understanding of the mind and what causes it to go wrong. Is there a cure for dementia? Parkinson's? Alzheimer's? My plans for the future will take me down that path, and I hope to be able to make a difference in the world.



## Diana Lozinger

School, grade: Vincentian Academy, 11 Parents: Tika and Charles Lozinger Plans: I had a stroke at 8 years old that severely



ally and psychologically. Because of this experience, I have made more than 3,000 bracelets for children in the hospital and therapy through my project, Courage Bracelets. I will receive an IB diploma when I graduate from high school, and I plan to go on to college to study psychology and theology. My goal is to use my own experience in both psychology and ministry.



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**Julianna Marshall** 

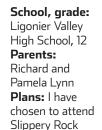
#### Grace Lunak

School, grade: Vincentian Academy, 11 Parents: Leeann and Richard Lunak

Plans: I am planning to study architecture in college.

I want to combine my math and art skills. I hope to focus on residential design.





Elena McGoev

School, grade:

High School, 12

Parents:

Victoria and

Christopher

North Hills Senior



University to major in exercise science

in a pre-physician assistant program.

I wish to become involved in soccer,

a few clubs and help the community around me. Following completion of my undergraduate degree, I plan on earning a master's degree in graduate school as a physician assistant.

High School, 11 Parents: Bill and Kathy Marshall Plans: I plan on attending college with a major in animal science. I also plan to play soccer.

School, grade:

Serra Catholic



School, grade: Belle Vernon Area High School, 12 Parent: Melanie Martin Plans: Upon graduation, I will be attending Duquesne

University in the fall of 2019.

**Baylee Martin** 



#### **Anna Mathias**

School, grade: Seton-La Salle High School, 11 Parent: William Mathias Plans: After high school, I am hoping to attend the University of



Pittsburgh's main campus to study pharmacy.

#### Covne McDermott

School, grade: Central Catholic

High School, 12 Parents: Bert and Terri McDermott Plans: I plan to attend a four-year university to major

McGoey Plans: I am in business and minor in hospitality.

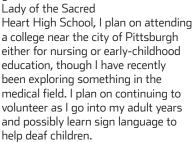
pursuing a career in veterinary medicine with a specialty in exotic animals and wildlife animal rehabilitation. I would also like to combine a veterinary career with

animal-assisted therapy for individu-

als who have disabilities.

#### **Abigail Messner**

School, grade: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, 11 Parents: Diana and David Messner **Plans:** After I graduate from Our



#### Julia Micklo

School, grade: Thomas Jefferson High School, 12 Parents: Sheri and Steven Micklo Plans: I plan on attending a fouryear university

with a major in psychology. As I am deciding on a college, I am considering those that will best prepare me for my future — somewhere that maintains high academic integrity, offers a variety of resources and keeps me true to myself. After college, I plan on entering the workforce to help make a difference in people's lives. Although my plans are not set in stone, I am excited by the many career options psychology presents.

#### Kayla Moninger

School, grade: Mt. Pleasant Area Junior/Senior High School, 12 Parent: Doug Moninger Plans: I plan on attending either Pennsylvania



State University or Washington and Jefferson College in order to earn a degree in biochemistry. I hope to then go on to medical school to become a psychiatrist.

#### Amanda Moser

School, grade: Hampton High School, 12 Parents: Gina and Gary Moser Plans: Upon graduation from high school, I plan



to attend a four-year college, where I will major in biochemistry and finance with the ultimate goal of attending medical school to prepare for a career as a surgeon.

#### **Benjamin Osterhaus**

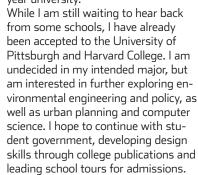
School, grade: Seton-La Salle High School, 12 Parent: Lisa Osterhaus **Plans:** For college next year, I am deciding between Penn State Uni-

Notre Dame.



#### **Nadine Oury**

School, grade: Winchester Thurston, 12 Parents: Tim Oury and Charleen Chu Plans: I plan to attend a fouryear university.



#### Isabella Parks

School, grade: Freeport Senior High School, 12 Parents: Marcella and Jeffrey Parks Plans: I will be attending either

The Ohio State University (Columbus) or Pennsylvania State University (University Park) to dual-major in finance and music. I have been accepted to both universi-



School, grade: Hempfield Area High School, 12 Parents: Mark and Kim Persin

Jessica Persin

Plans: I plan to attend college and major in biology,

chemistry or biochemistry while minoring in Spanish. My ultimate goal is to attend medical school. Depending on which college I choose, I will continue my competitive nature and love of sports by playing softball or both softball and soccer while obtaining my undergraduate degree.



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#### Alyssa Poleski

School, grade: Kiski Area High School, 11 Parents: Steven and Kimberly Poleski Plans: I plan to attend a four-year college or univer-



and graphics design. I would also like

of International Studies), 11 sity and major in sports marketing

Cecil Price III

School, grade:

(The Barack

Pittsburgh Obama

Obama Academy

Parent: Cecelia Price Plans: My plan after high school is to go to college. I do not know the specific college that I would like to attend, but I am looking into lvy League schools and HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). My goal is to find the school that will best help guide me in the direction of my career. I am interested in politics, medicine and

business. Even though I have not solidified my future profession, I know that business will be incorporated.

#### **Joseph Ragan**

School, grade: Serra Catholic High School, 11 Parents: John and **Plans:** After I graduate high



abroad to help those less fortunate in

#### **Anthony Rock**

School, grade: Greater Latrobe Senior High School, 11 Parents: Martin and



#### **Margaret Grace Rodgers**

School, grade: Seton-La Salle High School, 12 Parents: Gary and Mary Grace Rodgers Plans: Mission Week Outreach volunteer, summer



2019; Special Olympics volunteer, summer 2019; Jessie Games charity event volunteer, summer 2019; St. Bernard youth group: continued four-year participation/community volunteer; neighborhood elderly handyperson/babysitter.

#### Julia Sarnowski

to play college soccer.

School, grade: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, 12 Parents: Mike and Denise Sarnowski Plans: I plan to study business

in college and to



utilize my education in the nonprofit sector. I hope to gain the skills necessary to streamline contributions to those most in need. As a high school student, I have had the opportunity to create and organize several projects that have benefited underprivileged and minority students. These ventures have provided me with an education beyond the classroom. I hope to hone these skills and employ them to make our world a kinder place.

#### Victoria Saunders

School, grade: Norwin High School, 12 Parents: Trish and Scott Saunders Plans: I am eager to propel myself into further

academic studies at The Ohio State University or the University of North Carolina. I have a love for science, and I will major in biology and minor in neuroscience. My goal is to become a neurologist or dermatologist. I want to make the most of my time at college by taking advantage of overseas fellowships, study abroad programs, extracurricular activities and leadership opportunities. After graduation, I will attend medical school.

#### Cora Schaab

other countries.

School, grade: Chartiers Valley High School, 11 Parents: Steve and Cynthia Schaab Plans: I plan to continue to volunteer at my church

in the summer and do other miscellaneous work in my community.

#### **Ryan Setzenfand**

School, grade: Fox Chapel Area High School, 12 Parents: Lynne and Michael Setzenfand Plans: I plan on majoring in

accounting and continuing to work with community organizations that make a positive difference in the world. After college, I hope to pursue a graduate degree and will work toward helping the community by working with nonprofit or government organizations.

## **Nathan Shernisky**





cation at college and major in mechanical engineering.

#### Lauren Sigut

School, grade: Greater Latrobe Senior High School, 12 Parents: Holly and Donny Sigut Plans: I plan to



to complete a degree in mechanical engineering. I will use that degree and newly gained knowledge in any way that I can to positively affect those around me and hopefully the whole world. I plan on joining the Navy and serving my country in the aviation field with engineering or working for a company such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin or even NASA in the space industry. No matter what, I want to make a difference in the world.

#### **Haley Smolleck**

School, grade: Derry Area Senior High School, 12 Parents: Denise and Eric Smolleck Plans: My plans are to attend a four-year college, major in biology and pursue a career in the medical field.



School, grade: Thomas Jefferson High School, 11 Parents: Douglas and Courtney Sneddon **Plans:** After high school, I plan on attending a four-

**Maddie Sneddon** 

year university. Although I am unsure what major I will pursue, my current academic interests lie in English, marketing and design.

#### **Robert Spekis**

School, grade: Belle Vernon Area High School, 12 Parents: Lisa and Bob Spekis Plans: I plan to get an undergraduate degree in marine

biology, a minor in music and then continue on to vet school and eventually open my own practice.



#### School, grade: Hempfield Area

**Olivia Steeley** 

High School, 12 Parents:

James and Danielle Steeley Plans: My goals are to pursue an undergraduate

education from a four-year university, majoring in chemical engineering and possibly minoring in Spanish, on a pre-medical track. After obtaining my medical degree, I would like to travel to third-world countries to use my engineering, medical and world language experience to better develop and aid the medically underserved.



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#### Marcus Stevens

School, grade: Central Catholic High School, 12 Parents: and Jennifer

Timothy Stevens Andrade Plans: In the near

future, I intend to

pursue a degree in business or computer science with a pre-med concentration. I will attend Georgetown, Harvard, Duke or the University of Pittsburgh this coming fall. I consider myself to be very interdisciplinary, which is reflected in my ultimate goals to become a physician, entrepreneur, politician or all of the above.



School, grade: Shady Side Academy, 12 Parents: Allyson and John Sveda Plans: Over the past few months, I have applied to



Georgetown University, Grove City College, Princeton University, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University. I have not decided which college or university I shall attend next school

#### **Megan Swift**

School, grade: Franklin Regional High School, 12 Parents: Eric and Melissa Swift Plans: Upon graduation from high school, I plan



to further my education at Penn State University main campus to pursue a dual degree in music education and communications. I would like to share my passion for music and inspire and teach students to gain an understanding and appreciation of music. While doing so, I plan to continue to serve my church and community and will volunteer with various organizations.

#### Amanda Trayers

School, grade: Yough Senior High School, 12 Parents: Jodi and Timothy Trayers Plans: I plan to attend the University of Pittsburgh's

main campus. There I will major in athletic training. My ultimate goal is to be the head athletic trainer for the Pittsburgh Steelers one day.



School, grade: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, 12 Parents: Emanuela and Hugh Twyman Plans: After graduating high school,



I plan on attending a school of nursing and becoming a registered nurse. I plan to work in the ICU and continue my studies to become a nurse anesthetist. As a nurse, I want to continue my service and dedication to helping those who are in need. I hope to encourage the patients' spirits in healing through my positive actions and faith.

#### Glenna Van Dvke

School, grade: Fox Chapel Area High School, 12 Parents: Sharon and Larry Van Dyke

**Plans:** I have had a lifelong passion for history and helping

others, so I aspire to either become a secondary history educator with a master's degree or a lawyer with an undergraduate degree in history. As a lawyer, I would want to protect the rights of under-represented people, and as a history educator, I would want to inspire young people to become independent thinkers and informed citizens.

#### Anna Vitale

School, grade: Greensburg Central Catholic High School, 12 Parents: Mario and Charlene Vitale Plans: I plan to

attend college and major in finance and international business. While continuing my volunteer work in the church, I will be starting an internship at Excela Westmoreland Hospital.

#### **Ann Walsh**

School, grade: Bishop Canevin Catholic High School, 12 Parents: Joyce and James Walsh

Plans: I will pursue my interest in psychology and my passion for politi-

cal science. I know I can help people by studying about the law so that someday I can make legislation to correct injustices societies face. I will attend John Carroll University, where I am one of 30 students accepted into the Arrupe Scholars Program, which shapes social justice leaders through coursework and experiential learning. I will continue with volunteer work and activities, especially theater.

#### **Sarah Watson**

School, grade: Hampton High School, 11 Parents: Mary-Theresa and Anthony Watson Plans: I plan to continue my studies in both

the music and the science worlds. I wish to obtain my Ph.D. in molecular biology and work in labs, combatting cancer as I search for a cure. I also hope to get my master's in music performance and pursue my passion for music and the four instruments I play. In my free time, I will continue community service through mentoring aspiring musicians, raising money for childhood cancer, volunteering at fundraisers and much more.

#### **Jovce Yin**

School, grade: Greater Latrobe Senior High School, 12 Parent: Li Ning

Plans: My plans are to pursue a career in chemical

engineering at a currently undecided four-year university. With a degree in chemical engineering, I hope to specialize in either nanotechnology or sustainable energy. This specialization will equip me with the knowledge to conduct research regarding my passion for sustainable energy. In the future, I wish to work at a technology company where I will contribute to research and design in products such as solar cells or electric vehicles.





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